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Tinley Park, Illinois**

Dual Degree and Transfer Pathways

Governors State University

About GSU

- Founded in 1969 as an upper division/graduate institution
- Located 35 miles south of Chicago
- Offers
 - 25 Bachelor degree completion programs
 - 30 Master's degree programs
 - 6 Doctoral programs
 - 22 Certificate programs

About DDP

- Launched in 2010
- Originally 6 community college partners
 - Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State College, Joliet Junior College, South Suburban College, Triton College, Kankakee Community College
- Currently 10 community college partners
 - City Colleges of Chicago, College of DuPage, Harper College, Morton College

DDP benefits

- Benefits include:
 - Waived application fee
 - Locked in tuition rate
 - Academic Advising
 - Special events
 - Peer mentoring
 - Special scholarships

Transfer Students

- All current undergraduate students at GSU now are transfer students
- Bring at least 60 credit hours from another institution or an Associate's degree

Transfer Agreements

- City Colleges of Chicago
- College of DuPage
- College of Lake County
- Elgin Community College
- Fox College
- Harper College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Kishwaukee Community College
- Moraine Valley Community College
- Morton College
- Northwestern College
- Parkland College
- Prairie State College
- South Suburban College
- St. Augustine College
- Triton College
- Waubensee Community College

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High Impact Practices (HIP)

American Association of Colleges and
Universities

High Impact Practices

- Activities that promote deep learning, personal and practical gains for students
- Supports effective educational practices
- Results in higher achievement and persistence for students
- GSU is committed to providing these for all students, those that start at GSU and those that transfer

HIP

- First Year Seminar & Experiences
- Common Intellectual Experiences
- Learning Communities
- Writing Intensive Courses
- Collaborative Assignments & Projects
- Undergraduate Research
- Diversity/Global Learning
- Service Learning, Community-based Learning
- Internships
- Capstone Projects

Peer Mentoring is HIP

- “Promotes educational and career enhancement and psycho-social well-being” (Townsend-Green, 2009)
- Student’s peer group is the single most potent influence on growth and development during the undergraduate years (Astin, 1993)
- Aligns with all HIP conditions
 1. Time on task
 2. Faculty and peer interaction
 3. Interaction with diversity
 4. Frequent feedback
 5. Connections between learning context & real-world settings
 6. Occur in context of coherent, academically challenging curriculum

Commonalities of Peer Mentors

- Peer mentoring at GSU
 - Dual Degree Program Peer Mentors
 - FC14 Peer Mentors
 - Resident Assistants
- Required traits/behaviors
- Training and professional development
 - *Principles of Peer Leadership* course (SP14)
 - Topics include: communication, conflict resolution, diversity/inclusion, time management, test anxiety, etc.
 - Supervision with high expectations
- Benefits for mentors and mentees

Matching for Students' Needs



Similar major



Intersegmental



Cross-cultural



First generation



Intergenerational

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First Year Students at GSU

FC14

First Class 2014

Fall 2014

- Limited enrollment of 270 first year students
- Focused on one of three themes (not related to the student's major):
 - Civic Engagement
 - Global Citizenship
 - Sustainability
- New general education courses
- 23 Majors and 28 Minors

Cohort Model

- Each theme has 90 students that will take some courses together each term
- Courses are planned so that General Education is completed in three semesters
- Courses meet IAI standards



First Year Seminar

- Peer mentors work with each section of 30 students
- Faculty will use collaborative assignments and service learning
- Course meets requirements for IAI Interdisciplinary Humanities

Junior & Senior Year

- Junior Seminar-major course to create a learning community between students that started at GSU and transfer students
- Senior Capstone-all majors require final project, may be related to:
 - Internship
 - Service learning
 - Research
 - Other

Questions?

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